

REMARKS

By this amendment, Claims 1-8 and 12-23 are pending.

In the Office Action of November 23, 2005, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-7, 9 and 10 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,357,636 (Dresdner et al.). Claims 1-10 were rejected as unpatentable over Dresdner, et al. in view of WO 00/69775 (Wellinghoff et al.). The Examiner stated that Dresdner does not disclose chlorine dioxide released by exposure to light or a titanium oxide catalyst. The Examiner relied upon Wellinghoff for disclosing this subject matter and concluded it would have been obvious to use these materials in the glove disclosed by Dresdner. Reconsideration of the rejection, in view of amendments to the Claims, is respectfully requested.

Dresdner Jr. et al. discloses a medical glove having a layer of chlorine dioxide between the layers, as best seen in Figures 2A-2C. The antiseptic may take any number of forms such as a powder, paste, foam, gel or coating, but in each application, the antiseptic compound is a distinct layer in a compartment between a thin inner layer and thin outer layer of material. The antiseptic material is released and effective only upon puncturing of the glove by an object.

The invention discloses and claims a glove made from a material having a disinfectant incorporated within the material. The layer having the disinfectant may be the sole layer comprising the glove or a coating layer formed of polyurethane and a disinfectant, as disclosed in paragraphs 0047 and 0052. New claim 16 is written as a product by process claim and includes the limitation of a disinfectant being incorporated into a layer of the glove material. New claim 20 recites a layer of disinfectant on the exterior of the glove.

Having disinfectant within the layer of glove material and on

the exterior has several advantages over a disinfectant isolated within a compartment between in inner and outer layer. By incorporating the disinfectant into the layer the disinfectant is effective during the entire use of the glove preventing cross-contamination by transferring some disinfectant to materials being handled by the wearer. There is no need for a puncturing and compromising the protection provided by the glove before the disinfectant is effective to protect not only the wearer but the objects being handled by the wearer. In this matter, the gloves have application not only in the medical field but also the food service and other industries.

The claims, as amended, are allowable over the prior art and favorable action is eagerly and earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, and the Examiner believes a telephone conversation will resolve such issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

If any fees are due and owing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2455.

Respectfully submitted,

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